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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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REFS: (A) LAGOS 2620; (B) STATE 68572; (C) LAGOS 2627

SUMMARY: MAY 15 DATE APPEARS SATISFACTORY FOR LOS TEAM
DISCUSSIONS WITH FMG. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION OF DATE
FOR TEAM VISIT; AND SENDING ADDITIONAL SETS OF POSITION
PAPERS.

1. SUBSEQUENT TO SENDING REFTELS, EMBOFF HAD OCCASION
DISCUSS US POSITION ON TERRITORIAL SEA AND STRAITS, MARINE
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POLLUTION, MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, COASTAL SEABED

RESOURCES AND COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES ISSUES WITH
DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OGUNDERE (MINISTRY OF JUSTICE),
AND SHITTA-BAY'S TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT JIMEYIO (MINISTRY
OF JUSTICE) WHO PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH LOS QUESTIONS.
OGUNDERE SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT US POSITION PAPERS TO
ATTORNEY-GENERAL GRAHAM-DOUGLAS WHO VERY INTERESTED ON SUBJECT
AND WOULD PROBABLY HEAD NIGERIAN DELEGATION TO CARACAS. BOTH
OGUNDERE AND JIMEYIO SAID THEY WOULD STUDY US POSITIONS
CAREFULLY AND WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH EMBOFF.

2. DURING CALL ON OBEBE, ACTING DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL DEPT.,
MEA, APRIL, EMBOFF RAISED PROPOSED US LOS TEAM VISIT TO LAGOS
MAY 14-16. OBEBE WELCOMED VISIT (AS HAD ADENIJI - REFTTEL) AND
SAID HE WOULD ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR TEAM FOR MAY 15. HE HOPED TO
HAVE A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR EMBOFF DURING COURSE OF WEEK OF
APRIL 15. WHEN ASKED WHETHER NIGERIAN POSITION HAD BEEN
DETERMINED SINCE EMBOFF'S CONVERSATION WITH ADENIJI, OBEBE
SAID THAT MATTER WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. HE STRESSED THAT
US POSITION WAS BEING SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY ALL MINISTRIES
CONCERNED WITH ISSUE. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT
POSITION WOULD BE COMPLETELY DECIDED BEFORE CARACAS MEETING.
WHEN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE COMPOSITION OF NIGERIAN LOS
DELEGATION HE SAID THIS STILL FLUID.

3. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT TO DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE FOR LOS
TEAM AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE IT APPEARS FMG AGREEABLE TO
MAY 15, HOPE THIS DATE WILL BE CONFIRMED ASAP IN ORDER AVOID
CONFUSION AT THIS END IN VIEW DIFFICULTY GETTING PEOPLE
TOGETHER. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE COMPOSITION OF PARTY.
IN VIEW INTEREST SHOWN BY FMG OFFICIALS IN US POSITION,
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT AIR POUCHING FIVE
ADDITIONAL SETS OF US POSITION PAPERS ON TERRITORIAL SEA AND
STRAITS, MARINE POLLUTION, MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH,
COASTAL SEABEDS, RESOURCES AND COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF
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